

# WJB Dorn VA Medical Center PGY2 Informatics Residency Program



## Rotation Information for Residency Candidates

### Required Learning Experiences

- Orientation (July)
- Automation and Informatics (August-September)
- Data Analysis (October-November)
- Transitional/Research (December)
- Clinical Decision Support (January-February)
- Four Months of Electives

### Required Longitudinal Experiences:

- Automation Support
- Presentations: Midyear, Southeastern Residency Conference, Journal Club, Pharmacy CE Programs
- Pharmacy and Hospital Administration
- Medication Safety
- Committee Involvement
- Pharmacy Staffing

### Elective Learning Experiences

(Elective learning experiences may be concentrated, month rotations, or longitudinal)

- Advanced Fileman
- Advanced SQL
- Informatics and Internal Medicine
- MUMPS
- Research
- Sharepoint
- Teaching
- Visual Basic for Applications
- Vista Macros
- Additional experience in any of the Required Learning Experiences

For additional information about the PGY2 Informatics program at the WJB Dorn VA Medical Center, please contact the Informatics Pharmacy Residency Program Director or Residency Program Coordinator below:

Kevin Brittain, PharmD, BCPS,  
PGY2 Informatics Pharmacy Residency Program Director  
803.776.4000 ext. 7515  
Kevin.brittain@va.gov

Tiffany Walker, RPh, PharmD, Residency Program Coordinator  
PGY1 Residency Program Director  
PGY2 Geriatrics Pharmacy Residency Director  
803.776.4000 ext. 1819  
Tiffany.walker@va.gov



# WJB Dorn VA Medical Center Residency Program

## About The Residency Program

The Informatics Residency program at the WJB Dorn VA Medical Center in Columbia, SC is a hospital-based, 12 month Informatics residency. This residency program offers comprehensive training in areas of informatics including systems design, use and support of automation, data retrieval and analysis including query development, clinical decision support, pharmacy administration, and medication safety. Residents also have ongoing teaching responsibilities to pharmacy and hospital staff with discussions and demonstrations of new tools, features, and software updates. Residents have the option to participate in the South Carolina College of Pharmacy Academic Preparation Program which is a longitudinal experience where a resident receives a Teaching Certificate upon completion. Additional practice components include computer programming, Sharepoint development and management, research, adverse-drug-reaction reporting, medication error reporting, drug-use evaluation, and participation in P&T and other multidisciplinary local and VISN committees. Residents will have a dual appointment to receive pharmacist pay for weekend/evening staffing and to limit days missed on rotation. Residents will also be required to complete a major project, from which they will write an article suitable for publication. This project will also be presented at the Southeastern Residency Conference. Residents are also required to submit a poster presentation to the ASHP Mid-Year Clinical Meeting.

The starting date is July 1st of each year, although this date may vary by a week or two. Benefits include health insurance, free lab coats, 2 weeks of sick leave, 2 weeks of annual leave (vacation), holidays, travel reimbursement for Midyear meeting and South-eastern Residency Conference meeting, and free on-site parking.

Please contact the Informatics Residency Program Director, Kevin Brittain, PharmD, BCPS for application materials. The Dorn VA Medical Center Pharmacy Residency Program has three PGY1 residencies, one PGY2 Geriatrics Pharmacy Residency and one PGY2 Pharmacy Informatics Residency.

## About The Hospital

The William Jennings Bryan Dorn VA Medical Center is a teaching hospital, which provides comprehensive health care to more than 70,000 veterans across the state of South Carolina. In addition to the main hospital, there are also 7 community-based outpatient clinics. The hospital is affiliated with the USC School of Medicine, which shares its campus with the hospital. The pharmacy residency program is also affiliated with the South Carolina College of Pharmacy. Many of the clinical faculty members share a position at the VA.

The WJBD VAMC is a 216 bed facility with an average daily census of 136. More than 770,000 outpatient visits were conducted in 2010. Three long-term care units are operated within the hospital and the following specialty services are also provided: cardiology, gastroenterology, oncology, psychiatry, substance abuse treatment, and many types of surgery.

## Application and Interview Information

### Application Requirements

- Completed application form
- Three letters of recommendation
- Curriculum Vitae
- Letter of intent
- Doctor of Pharmacy degree (required), US citizenship (required)
- Successful completion of an ASHP Accredited PGY1 Residency (statement of expected successful completion by current Residency Program Director is required)

Number of Positions: 1

Application Deadline: January 15th

Stipend: \$44,500

Start Date: July 1st

### Interview Requirements

- Must attend onsite interview and deliver a 10-15 minute presentation of a PGY1 residency project or initiative
- Computer skills assessment and demonstration

Contact Information  
Kevin Brittain, PharmD, BCPS  
PGY2 Informatics Residency Program Director  
803.776.4000 ext. 7515  
kevin.brittain@va.gov

